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- Officials announced October 22 that Transocean Offshore Deepwater Drilling, Inc., will pay \$20 million as part of a settlement following the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico. – *Birmingham Business Journal* (See item [1](#))
- Three additional cases of Shigella were reported October 22 in 2 California Bay Area counties, increasing the total amount of illnesses to 93. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [14](#))
- Tennessee State University was closed October 23 following an October 22 fight in which an individual shot multiple rounds, killing 1 bystander and injuring 3 others. – *Nashville The Tennessean* (See item [19](#))
- Federal and State officials brought charges against 25 individuals in 14 indictments October 22 for their alleged participation in a conspiracy to defraud the U.S. and the National Guard Bureau through the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program. – *U.S. Department of Justice* (See item [20](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *October 22, Birmingham Business Journal* – (Alabama) **Alabama to receive \$20M from Transocean settlement.** The governor of Alabama announced October 22 that Switzerland-based Transocean Offshore Deepwater Drilling, Inc., will pay \$20 million, which will go into the Alabama State General Fund, as part of a settlement following the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion that killed 11 workers, caused a massive fire, and leaked over 3 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. The settlement is part of a series of settlements reached to help boost local economies following the disaster.
Source: http://www.bizjournals.com/birmingham/morning_call/2015/10/alabama-to-receive-20m-from-transocean-settlement.html
2. *October 22, Beaver County Times* – (Pennsylvania) **AES Beaver Valley coal plant to close now, two years ahead of schedule.** AES Corp., announced October 22 that its coal-fired power plant in Beaver Valley was officially closed over the summer of 2015, nearly 2 years sooner than originally scheduled. The company reported that the plant was closed early after it was unable to find a buyer for its electricity.
Source: http://www.timesonline.com/news/energy/aes-beaver-valley-coal-plant-to-close-now-two-years/article_cb8ffbcc-78ea-11e5-855c-ef2ed4c5d8d2.html

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *October 22, Houston POWER Magazine* – (Tennessee) **NRC issues Watts Bar 2 Nuclear Power Plant operating license.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued a 40-year operating license to the Tennessee Valley Authority for its Watts Bar Unit 2 reactor October 22, making the new nuclear generator the first in nearly 20 years.
Source: <http://www.powermag.com/nrc-issues-watts-bar-2-nuclear-power-plant-operating-license/>

Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *October 23, Autoblog* – (National) **Mazda recalls 1.37 million older vehicles for ignition switch short.** Mazda issued a recall beginning in December for 1,368,000 various model year 1989 – 1998 vehicles in the U.S. due to an ignition switch short circuit issue which could result in a fire.
Source: <http://www.autoblog.com/2015/10/23/mazda-recalls-older-vehicles-ignition-switch/>
5. *October 23, Softpedia* – (International) **Internet-connected cars can be tracked by anyone, not just governments.** A researcher from Security Innovation and the University of Twente discovered that smart cars using V2X technology could have

their locations tracked using \$550 Wi-Fi sniffers that have digital signatures unique to each vehicle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and European authorities proposed that V2X transmitters utilize pseudonyms for vehicles to enhance security.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/internet-connected-cars-can-be-tracked-by-anyone-not-just-governments-495161.shtml>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

6. *October 22, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Federal grand jury in Denver indicts pair in investment fraud.** Two suspects from Colorado Springs and Nevada were indicted in the week of October 19 on charges alleging that they bilked over \$17 million from investors from 2010 – 2011 through a fraudulent collateralized mortgage obligation (CMO) loan scheme, and diverted substantial funds for personal use. One of the suspects reportedly misrepresented his experience and contact to investors in order to secure their funds

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_29009638/federal-grand-jury-denver-indicts-pair-investment-fraud

Transportation Systems Sector

7. *October 23, KABB 29 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Five car pileup forces partial shutdown of 281.** Highway 281 in San Antonio was shut down for several hours October 23 while crews cleared the debris of a 5-vehicle pileup that injured 1 person.

Source: <http://www.foxsanantonio.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/five-car-pileup-forces-partial-shutdown-281-16877.shtml#.VioxS36rSUK>

8. *October 23, WBMA 58 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **Victim of Hwy. 82 accident identified.** Highway 82 near Sam Sutton Road in Northport was shut down for several hours October 22 while crews responded to a fiery accident that involved 2-vehicles including a dump truck that killed one person and injured another. The cause of the accident remains under investigation.

Source: <http://abc3340.com/news/local/fatal-accident-shuts-down-westbound-lanes-of-hwy-82-in-northport>

9. *October 22, Colorado Department of Transportation; CNN* – (Colorado) **Heavy snows shuts down Colorado interstate.** A section of eastbound Interstate 70 in northern Colorado was shut down for several hours October 22 due to snow conditions causing multiple accidents. No injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.wdam.com/story/30331449/heavy-snow-shuts-down-colorado-interstate>

10. *October 22, CNN* – (International) **Royal Caribbean cruise ship catches fire in**

Mediterranean. Twenty-one people were treated for smoke inhalation after a fire broke out in one of two engine rooms on Royal Caribbean's Splendour of the Seas October 22. The fire was extinguished and the ship will bypass its port call in Argostoli, Greece, and continue on to its next scheduled stop in Venice, Italy.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/10/22/travel/royal-caribbean-cruise-ship-fire-feat/>

11. *October 22, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **3 struck, 1 fatally, after stopping to help driver whose car caught fire on 170 Freeway: Witness.** The 170 Freeway in Los Angeles was shut down for 3 hours October 22 while crews responded to a hit-and-run crash and a vehicle fire that killed 1 person and injured 2 others. The accident is under investigation.
Source: <http://ktla.com/2015/10/22/1-dead-2-injured-after-report-of-car-fire-hit-and-run-on-170-freeway-in-north-hollywood/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *October 23, CDA News* – (North Carolina) **Shuler Meats recalls fully cooked, Frozen Turkey Legs.** Thomasville, North Carolina-based Shuler Meats recalled 25,920 pounds of its 40-pound, plastic-lined boxes of fully cooked, frozen turkey legs distributed under Shuler Meats Co., October 23 after an inspector found the products were produced without the benefit of Federal inspection. The items were distributed to retailers and fairs in North Carolina.
Source: <http://cdanews.com/2015/10/shuler-meats-recalls-fully-cooked-frozen-turkey-legs/>
13. *October 22, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (California) **Rustico Foods recalls packaged soup products produced without benefit of inspection.** Los Angeles-based Rustico Foods recalled approximately 2,659 pounds of packaged soup products October 22 after an inspector found the products were produced without the benefit of Federal inspection and outside inspection hours. The items were shipped to retail stores in southern California.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/wcm/connect/FSIS-Content/internet/main/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-130-2015-release>
14. *October 22, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Shigella outbreak linked to San Jose restaurant spreads to other Bay Area counties.** The San Mateo County Health System reported October 22 that 3 additional cases of Shigella were reported in 2 Bay Area counties, increasing the total amount of illnesses to at least 93 cases following an October 18 outbreak linked to a Mariscos San Juan Restaurant.
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/shigella-outbreak-linked-to-san-jose-restaurant-spreads-to-other-bay-area-counties/ar-BBmiW9G>
15. *October 20, KTVB7 Boise* – (Idaho) **Idaho officials eye raw milk as possible illness source.** The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare reported October 20 that 8

people were sickened after drinking unpasteurized milk produced by Kuna-Natural Farm Fresh Dairy. Natural Farm Fresh Dairy stopped its production and has begun removing suspect raw milk from grocery store shelves.

Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/story/news/health/2015/10/20/raw-milk-illness-idaho/74293356/>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

16. *October 23, Sioux Falls Argus Leader* – (South Dakota) **Water tower back in service after painting.** The Menlo Tower in Sioux Falls that stores 1.5 million gallons of water is back online October 23 after being offline while a contractor sandblasted and painted the interior and exterior and cleaned and disinfected the interior.

Source: <http://www.argusleader.com/story/news/2015/10/23/water-tower-back-service-painting/74447416/>

17. *October 22, New England Cable News* – (Maine) **Maine mill releases thousands of gallons of contaminated water into river.** Officials reported that 15,000 gallons of water were discharged into the Androscoggin River October 22. The Maine State Department of Environmental Protection has been notified, while officials reported that the spill will not impact drinking water.

Source: <http://www.necn.com/news/new-england/Maine-Mill-Releases-Thousands-of-Gallons-of-Contaminated-Water-Into-River-336011731.html>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

Nothing to report

Government Facilities Sector

18. *October 23, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **5 juveniles charged in bomb threats at Ohio schools.** Police arrested five juveniles October 22 in connection to a series of bomb threats that prompted evacuations and closures at several schools in central Ohio. Authorities determined that the bomb threats were unrelated and snowballed off of one another.

Source: <http://www.ksl.com/index.php?nid=157&sid=37064639&title=5-juveniles-charged-in-bomb-threats-at-ohio-schools>

19. *October 23, Nashville The Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **TSU campus fatal shooting victim identified.** Tennessee State University was closed October 23 following a physical fight that broke out during a dice game on campus October 22 which led to an individual pulling out a gun and firing multiple rounds, killing 1 bystander and injuring 3 others. The shooter remains at large and authorities reported that the incident occurred over a dispute and that the campus is safe.

Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/crime/2015/10/23/3-shot-tsu-campus-one-critical-condition/74443452/>

20. *October 22, U.S. Department of Justice* – (National) **Twenty-five individuals indicted**

for wire fraud. The U.S. Department of Justice along with several other State and Federal agencies collaborated in an investigation that brought forward charges against 25 individuals in 14 separate indictments October 22 for their alleged participation in a conspiracy to defraud the U.S. and the National Guard Bureau of money and property by utilizing recruiters and recruiter assistants to enlist new members into the U.S. Army National Guard. The individuals allegedly cheated the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP) by creating accounts and entering false information in order to obtain recruiting bonuses.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/twenty-five-individuals-indicted-wire-fraud>

Emergency Services Sector

21. *October 22, Associated Press* – (National) **FCC cuts inmates a break on phone call rates.** The U.S. Federal Communications Commission approved October 22 to cap rates on all local calls, in-state long distance, interstate and international calls made by inmates in jails and prisons nationwide, among other changes, scheduled to go into effect in 2016.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/fcc-cuts-inmates-a-break-on-phone-call-rates/>

Information Technology Sector

22. *October 23, Softpedia* – (International) **CCTV cameras hijacked to form worldwide DDoS botnet.** Security researchers from Incapsula discovered that hackers had used brute-force attacks to compromise over 900 closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras running the BusyBox operating system (OS) and install malware derived from ELF_BASHLITE to launch distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks using Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) GET request floods. One device was recorded sending over 20,000 HTTP requests per second.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/cctv-cameras-hijacked-to-form-worldwide-ddos-botnet-495166.shtml>

23. *October 23, Threatpost* – (International) **Joomla update patches critical SQL injection vulnerability.** Joomla developers released an update to its content management system (CMS) addressing a Structured Query Language (SQL) injection vulnerability which could allow an attacker to gain access to data in a Web site's backend, due to code in a Hypertext Preprocessor (PHP) file in Joomla's Administrator folder. The update also addressed two sets of inadequate access control list (ACL) checks that could have allowed potential read access to restricted data.

Source: <https://threatpost.com/joomla-update-patches-critical-sql-injection-vulnerability/115142/>

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Communications Sector

24. *October 22, KITV 4 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Phone outage on Big Island, Maui resolved.** Hawaiian Telecom costumers experienced a widespread outage on the Big Island and Maui County October 22 due to a damaged aerial fiber-optic cable. Crews restored service and repaired the damage.
Source: <http://www.kitv.com/news/widespread-phone-disruptions-reported-on-big-island-maui-co/35991678>

For another story, see item [21](#)

Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *October 22, CNN* – (Michigan) **Arsonist targets 7th St. Louis-area church in latest attack.** A St. Louis Fire official reported that another St. Louis church was targeted by an alleged arsonist October 22, making the incident the seventh church fire over an 11-day period. An investigation is ongoing and police reported that each fire began on the exterior door of each facility.
Source: http://www.sentinelsource.com/news/national_world/arsonist-targets-th-st-louis-area-church-in-latest-attack/article_ad562d55-73ff-5514-9926-960ce3d0f70b.html

Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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